



2019 OUTSTANDING SECTION / BRANCH AWARD NOMINATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

BASIC INFORMATION

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| Award Classification (check one): | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very Large Section/Branch (> 2500 members) <input type="checkbox"/> Large Section/Branch (1001-2500 members) <input type="checkbox"/> Medium Section/Branch (501-1000 members) <input type="checkbox"/> Small Section/Branch (< 500 members) |
| Section/Branch Nominee: | Metropolitan Section |
| Name and Board Position of Contact Member: | Adam DeVito, Vice President |
| ASCE Member ID: | |
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| Telephone: | |
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NOMINATION QUESTIONS/SCORING

120 points maximum

A. COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS (15 Points Maximum)

Newsletter (1 point per issue, 5 points maximum):

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| Number of Newsletters Published Annually: | 6 E-Newsletters sent to membership by email using Constant Contact, and 3 President's messages in the website. Total: 9 Newsletters |
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Please include one electronic newsletter with the Award nomination package.

Website (5 points maximum):

Double check that all links are active prior to submission.

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| Website URL: | <p>Website: http://www.ascemetsection.org About: http://www.ascemetsection.org/met-section/about-us Awards: http://www.ascemetsection.org/met-section/awards CE landmarks: http://www.ascemetsection.org/met-section/civil-engineering-landmarks Get Involved: http://www.ascemetsection.org/met-section/get-involved History: http://www.ascemetsection.org/met-section/history Publications: http://www.ascemetsection.org/met-section/publications Event Calendar: http://www.ascemetsection.org/news-events/event-calendar Job Postings: http://www.ascemetsection.org/news-events/job-postings Newsletter: http://www.ascemetsection.org/news-events/newsletter-archive President's Message: http://www.ascemetsection.org/news-events/president-s-message Section News: http://www.ascemetsection.org/news-events/section-news</p> |
| Discuss the content included on your website: | <p>The award-winning website features the newsletters, future events (including technical seminars, lectures, and social activities), and relevant articles that promote or advance the civil engineering profession. It also presents publications and awards given by the section, section history, ways to get involved with the section, calendar of events and information on major civil engineering landmarks, etc.</p> <p>The technical groups part of the website features each of the eight technical groups' activities and opportunities to engage. The eight technical groups are: Air Transport, Forensic, Infrastructure, International, Geo-Institute (Geotechnical), Structural Engineering Institute (Structural), Coasts, Oceans, Ports & Rivers Institute (COPRI), and Construction Institute.</p> <p>The Branches and Young Member Forum (YMF) parts of the website include the activities and events held by the Long-Island Branch (LIB) and Lower-Hudson Valley (LHV) Branches, and the YMF, including social and networking opportunities, technical and education sessions, and volunteering opportunities. The LIB has a very active Younger Member Committee (YMC) which also has its own section of the website.</p> <p>The committee's section features the past and upcoming activities and/or mission of each of the 17 committees of the Met Section: Diversity & Inclusion, Government Relations, Media Relations, Continuing Education, Future Cities Competition, History & Heritage, Hospitality, Life Members, Scholarship, Membership, annual Dinner Dance event, Technology, Awards, Financial Oversight, Engineering Mechanics, Past Presidents and Nominating.</p> <p>Finally, we provide a strong children's section, with age-specific books related to NYC civil engineering projects, links and information on local age-specific engineering outreach programs, and a list of great places for children to learn about civil engineering in the NYC metro area.</p> |

Other Tools (5 points maximum):

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| <p>Discuss any other communication tools used by your Section/Branch:</p> | <p>The Met Section has a LinkedIn page. We use this page to share with our members some relevant industry news, articles and selected Met Section events. The link is https://www.linkedin.com/company/ascemetsection/</p> <p>We send emails to our members a minimum of one week ahead of all events with a brief description of the event, time and date, and if PDHs will be offered. We use Constant Contacts to email members.</p> <p>Aside from Constant Contact to inform members of events, the YMF also utilizes a Gmail email account for more frequent communication with the most active members. This allows for more effective recruiting of volunteers and helping with event planning, targeted to those who want more frequent and detailed information.</p> <p>The YMF has an Instagram account that advertises events, and each event has its own page with much more information.</p> <p>The YMF has a Facebook page where it advertises programs and events, and posts photos of preparation work for events and of the event itself. It also advertises events that are done in cooperation with other organizations or that the YMF supports. There is also a section for Visitor Posts.</p> <p>The YMF has Twitter account that has interesting videos for civil engineers (such as construction activities, entertaining and industry related videos) that aim to educate and inspire. It also advertises programs and events re-tweets relevant quotes from others, keeps a line of dialogue for discussions of different aspects of civil engineering.</p> <p>The Met Section LIB YMC has a LinkedIn account where there are posts about upcoming events. The link is https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8663465/</p> <p>During events, speakers will plug upcoming events to those in attendance. This is especially useful in bringing attention to events being hosted by groups with smaller followings.</p> <p>The Presidents Message and Newsletters are also used to highlight upcoming events across all groups.</p> |
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B. PROFESSIONAL / LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES, AWARDS / RECOGNITION, SCHOLARSHIPS AND MENTORING (20 Points Maximum)

- Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Activities (5 points maximum):

Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Committee Meetings (1 point each, 2 points max)

| Professional Committee: | Number of Meetings: | Presentation Topic(s): |
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| Air Transport Group | 1 | How Environmental Policy is Informing Aviation Redevelopment |
| Younger Member Forum | 2 | PE Civil Exam Information Session |

Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Seminars (1 point each, 3 points max)

| Date: | Approx. Attendees: | Presentation Topics / Describe Seminar: |
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| Long Island Branch YMC | 30 | Joint ASCE / Toastmasters Class: Learn and Practice Public Speaking |
| Air Transport Group | 80 | FAA Issues |
| ASCE YMF | 180 | 18th Annual Executive Forum for Younger Members – This seminar provided unique opportunity for younger engineers to draw insight from leaders within the civil engineering industry. Theme: How Engineers Can Embrace the Ongoing Tech Evolution |

- Awards/Recognition (1 point each, 5 points maximum):

Awards Given by the Section/Branch

| Name of Award: | Recipient: | Describe: |
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| <i>Civil Engineer of the Year Award:</i> | ANDREW W. HERMANN, PE, F.SEI, F.ASCE | The Section's highest award recognizes a civil engineer who has rendered exceptional service to the civil engineering profession, to the Met Section and to the Society. |
| <i>Herbert Howard Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award:</i> | HAROLD FINK, PE | This award recognizes a civil engineer who has rendered meritorious service in an elected or appointed position in government. |
| <i>Roebbling Award</i> | JOSEPH LoBUONO, PE | This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime of excellence in the structural engineering of bridges, along with advances in the state-of-the-art, and a commitment to the advancement of the structural engineering profession. |
| <i>Thomas C. Kavanagh Service Award</i> | ARTHUR J. ALZAMORA, JR., PE, F.ASCE, LEED | This award recognizes a civil engineer who has rendered exceptional service and dedication to the profession and especially for Met Section activities. |
| <i>Young Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award</i> | JOSEPH LoBUONO, PE | This award is presented to a young civil engineer in government service, in recognition of his/her outstanding contributions to the civil engineering profession. |
| <i>Younger Member Award</i> | GUILLERMO DIAZ-FANAS, PE | This award is presented to a young civil engineer in recognition of his/her outstanding contributions to the civil engineering profession. |
| <i>Construction Achievement Project of the Year Award</i> | 5 MILE BELT PARKWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT | This award is presented, in recognition of excellence and unique application of civil engineering principles, for a major construction project completed within the past year within the New York metropolitan area. |
| <i>Design-Build Project of the Year Award</i> | GOVERNOR MARIO M. CUOMO BRIDGE | This award is presented, in recognition of excellence in the successful completion, to a major Design/Build project completed within the past year within the New York metropolitan area. |

Society Awards Received by the Section / Branch or its members

| Name of Award: | Recipient: | Describe: |
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| Outstanding Section, Very Large | ASCE Met Section | Award is made annually to the most outstanding Sections and Branches of the American Society of Civil Engineers, based on activity in the previous fiscal year. |

- Scholarships (5 points maximum):

Scholarships to High School Students (1 point each)

| Name of Scholarship: | Amount of Scholarship: | | Describe: |
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| ASCE LIB YMC Essay Competition | \$1000 | Sean Quane Baldwin High | Scholarship prize to the winner of an essay competition on Long Island |

Scholarships to College Students (1 point each)

| Name of Scholarship: | Amount of Scholarship: | Describe: |
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| ASCE Met Section Scholarship for College Students | \$5,000 | Huimin Chu, Cooper Union |
| | \$5,000 | Michevi Dufflart, Manhattan College |
| | \$5,000 | Qitong Han, Cooper Union |
| | \$5,000 | Veronica Ponce, NYC College of Technology |
| | \$5,000 | 2019 James Xu, Cooper Union |

- Mentoring Activities of ASCE Members (5 points maximum):

| Date: | Approx. Attendees: | Describe: |
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| Throughout year | 36 | ASCE YMF Mentorship Program (6) Monthly group meetings on your schedule (4) Quarterly events (10) Discussions |

C. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES (15 Points Maximum)

Section/Branch Technical Committees or Institutes (minimum of 2 technical meetings per year; 1 point each, 5 points max)

| Technical Committee: | Number of Meetings: | Presentation Topic(s): |
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| <i>Infrastructure Group</i> | 5 | The Underground Glory of the NY Wheel; Sustainable Drinking Water Infrastructure Systems; Advancements in the Tri-State Area Infrastructure; Innovative Use of Steel Sheet Piling; Dynamic Soil-Structure Interaction: Understanding the Holocene, Instrumenting the Anthropocene |
| <i>Forensic Group</i> | 3 | Case Study of Jet Hangars Collapse; Enhancing Forensic Engineering through Custom Software Development; Nondestructive Evaluation of Concrete Structures |
| <i>Geo-Institute</i> | 5 | The Increasing Role of Field and Laboratory Seismic Measurements in Geotechnical Engineering; Design of Drilled Shafts in Rock; Foundation Engineering From Theory to Practice; Tunneling - Historic Developments and Innovation for Risk Mitigation and Resilience; Triggering of Sand Liquefaction During Earthquakes |
| <i>Structural Engineering Institute (SEI)</i> | 2 | AASHTO Specifications for Fracture Critical Evaluation and Design; Ultra-High Performance Concrete for Bridge Applications |
| <i>Coasts, Oceans, Ports & Rivers Institute (COPRI)</i> | 2 | Six Years Out: Coastal Engineering Successes and Challenges Since Hurricane Sandy; Addressing Pile Driving and Dredging Impacts for a Major Bridge Construction Project on the Hudson River |
| <i>Construction Institute</i> | 5 | BIM for better Bridge design and Construction; Implementing UAS Technology in the AEC Industry; Design and Construction of the Vessel at Hudson Yards; Rope Access Method; NYSDOT Design Build Region 8 Bridge Replacements |
| <i>Construction Institute & International Group</i> | 2 | Design and Construction Challenges of Large Underwater Bored Tunnel: The Eurasia Tunnel; Higher Heights and Deeper Depths: Mexico City Design Challenges |

Section/Branch Technical Seminars / Courses with PDHs (1 point each, 5 points max)

| Date: | Approx. Attendees: | Describe: |
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| 1/17/2019 | 100 | Surveying And Mapping For Civil Engineering Projects 1 PDH, ASCE LIB |
| 2/12/2019 | 100 | Reclaim Our Water: Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems, 1 PDH, ASCE LIB |
| 4/18/2019 | 100 | The Future Of Autonomous And Connected Vehicles In New York 1 PDH, ASCE LIB |
| 9/18/2019 | 150 | ASCE - ITE Joint Technical Meeting, 2 PDHs, ASCE LIB 1. Tools for Engagement and Community Outreach 2. CR 97, Nicolls Road BRT: An Evolutionary Process |
| 5/14, 5/15, 5/21, and 5/22/19 | Over 200 | 2019 Structures Seminar Series, an annual Structural 4-day Seminar at the at Lincoln Center - 8 PDHs. |
| 3/18/19 | 100 | COPRI/DFI Joint Seminar on NYC Ports and Marine Engineering – 6 PDH's |

Other Technical / Educational Activities and Benefits for Section / Branch Members (1 point each, 5 points max)

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| Describe other technical / educational activities and benefits for Section / Branch members: | <p><i>(for example: hosting a user group for technical software used by Members)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1/23/2019 - Robert Moses Niagara Power Plant Cofferdam: Holding Back the Forebay, ASCE LHV, 1 PDH 2. Summary of the SUEZ Water New York Rockland County Public Water System 1 PDH/Replacement of The East 3rd Street & Two Saw Mill River Parkway Bridges, ASCE LHV 3. LaGuardia Airport Redevelopment: Site Geotechnical Conditions and Use of Ground Improvement Methods, ASCE LHV, 1 PDH 4. Design-Build 48-Hour Replacement of LIRR's Post Avenue Bridge Using SPMTs, ASCE LIB, 1 PDH 5. LaGuardia Airport Redevelopment: Maintaining Traffic on a Complex Roadway Network During Active Construction, ASCE LIB, 2 PDHs |
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D. MEMBERSHIP (10 Points Maximum)

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| Describe efforts to transition Student Members to Associate Members (2 points): | <p>The Met Section is very active with local universities. We have Practitioner Advisors and student liaisons placed in all local universities with civil engineering programs, including: Columbia University, NYU, Cooper Union, New York City College of Technology, City College of New York, Hofstra, Stony Brook, and Nassau Community College. The Practitioner Advisors and student liaisons meet many times a year with the students, and work with the faculty members to introduce ASCE and the benefits received from membership. We have built strong relationships with the universities and faculty members and are well integrated within their engineering programs.</p> <p>University Liaison Committee Kickoff event – Feb 2019 -A kickoff meeting to introduce college students and the respected Practitioner Advisors to the University Liaison Committee.</p> <p>University Liaison Committee bowling event – Spring 2019 - Social event to introduce Practitioner Advisors to the students.</p> |
| Describe Member recruitment programs (2 points): | <p>To recruit and retain members, the LIB YMC and several groups and committees have established a program where they move their monthly meetings around different company offices to make it convenient for new members to attend. The program brought many new members to each meeting and is an integral part of finding new members and volunteers to the Met Section</p> <p>The YMF, LIB YMC and D&I hold several social events a year that include happy hours and game nights for networking to attract new members to the Met Section. Students from nearby universities and member's friends are invited to attend and we discuss the benefits of ASCE while engaging in a recreational environment.</p> <p>We also host events with other organizations in order to attract new members. The ASCE LIB YMC hosted a golf event to attract more members. Over 20 people were in attendance including many students from Stony Brook University. ASCE LIB also hosted an annual Transportation Technical Lecture in September with ITE to attract new members. D&I hosted several events with other organizations, as discussed later.</p> |

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| <p>Describe Member retention programs (2 points):</p> | <p>A significant accomplishment of the Met Section, to demonstrate value of ASCE Membership, has been the Met Section's certification as a continuing education provider in New York State (NYS). NYS has very rigorous continuing education requirements for professional registration. To meet this requirement the Met Section applied to the NYS Education Department to be a provider of continuing education credits. The Met Section provides training for reviewers and maintains continuing education records as required by NYS. In addition, ASCE members can attend many events for no cost and others at a reduced cost. The Met section offered over 50 hours of Continuing Education (PDH) credits, about half of those at no cost for ASCE Met Section members.</p> <p>In the technical presentations, seminars, panel discussions, and other events, the Met Section has the participation of many local government officials and engineers, as well as the leaders of many large national and international engineering firms and contractors. These events allow the membership the opportunity to network and interact with government officials and the leaders of private firms.</p> <p>In addition to this program, every month new section members receive a Welcome Email with information on the section, its benefits and how to get involved</p> |
| <p>Describe any recognition programs for employers supporting ASCE (2 points):</p> | <p>The Met Section G-I technical group holds lectures sponsored by employers which give the employers a short time to speak about their history and recognize active Met Section members.</p> <p>In all Met Section events, employers who sponsor the event are recognized with panels, logo recognition in flyers and Thank You notes from presenters.</p> <p>The Met Section recognizes distinguished practitioner engineers and projects in its Annual Dinner Dance & Awards. The recipients have a chance to talk about their employers and how the work culture in their current company benefited their career/project.</p> <p>Many lectures, meetings and other events are held in the offices of members' employers. This gives attendees, particularly younger members, access to see the inside of the companies that sponsor and support events and showcase the culture of their office and the type of work they do.</p> |
| <p>Describe other Membership Activities / Events (2 points):</p> | <p>ASCE LIB hosted an annual Golf Outing at the Timber Point Golf Course. This is a highly attended networking event where during the closing dinner, we discuss the benefits of ASCE and the gratitude we have for our sponsors. On average, we have 13 foursomes attend. 9/25/19</p> <p>Met Section hosted the following events which are open to all members including students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCE YMF Ski Trip – February 2019 • ASCE LIB YMC Networking at Great South Bay Brewery June 2019 • ASCE Met Section End of Year Picnic – June 2019 |

E. PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (10 Points Maximum)

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| <p>Describe outreach activities with elementary, middle, or high schools (1 point each, 5 points max):</p> | <p>January 2019- Future City Competition - program sponsored by the engineering community to promote collaboration, technological literacy and engineering to middle school students. It fosters an interest in math, science, and engineering through hands-on, real world applications. Middle schools from New York City and Long Island compete in a regional competition.</p> <p>3/31/19 – Engineering Expo at White Plains High School. Met Section LHV representatives spoke to students of various grades, including college-bound high schoolers about the benefits of a Civil Engineering career and what to expect throughout a CE college curriculum. Representatives also discussed STEM learning activities on the ASCE website, provided swag items, and handed out membership applications.</p> |
| <p>Describe outreach activities via media outlets (1 point each, 3 points max):</p> | <p>The Met Section prepared an extensive public outreach plan for its Annual Dinner Dance & Awards ceremony (Dinner Dance) and was able to get an article published in Forest Hills Times about the event. The article is available in the link below:</p> <p>http://foresthillstimes.com/view/full_story/27653311/article-Engineering-group-holds-annual-awards-dinner?instance=lead_story_left_column</p> <p>The Met Section prepared a media advisory that was released to local newspapers and TV Stations on its Dinner Dance.</p> <p>The Met Section invited NYC Boroughs' Presidents and the city Mayor to its Annual Dinner Dance & Awards ceremony, all of them sent kind response letters or representatives to the event.</p> <p>The attendees list included Andy Herrmann, SEI President, and Robin Kemper, ASCE President.</p> <p>The Met Section provided public outreach for the National Engineers Week – Kid's Day. Our media relations committee reached out to newspapers and universities to spread the word and encourage participation and volunteering work.</p> <p>The YMF reaches out to the public, who are not directly engaged with the Met Section, through active pages on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. News of events can thus be seen on a larger scale instead of email list focusing members.</p> <p>The NYC Future City Competition is regularly featured each year by local newspapers and TV Stations</p> |
| <p>Describe other public outreach or educational activities (1 point each, 2 points max):</p> | <p>National Engineers Week - the ASCE Met Section organized a day of interactive activities for children in the NYC area during National Engineers Week. Event geared to inspire young students to consider careers in engineering through interactive activities. Projects such as constructing gumdrop domes and paper towers are geared towards sparking the interest of young minds - 2/18/2019</p> <p>On July 13, 2019, the COPRI Met Section Chapter competed in the 7th Annual Con Edison Cardboard Kayak Race as part of the Waterfront Alliance's City of Water Day. The Waterfront Alliance is a nonprofit coalition that works to protect and revitalize the tri-state region's 700 miles of waterfront.</p> |

F. COLLEGE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (20 Points Maximum)

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| <p>Describe Student Interaction Activities between ASCE Student Chapters/Clubs and the Section/Branch (1 point each, 5 points max):</p> | <p>ASCE LIB YMC held a “Trivia Night” with the Stony Brook University Student Chapter on April 8, 2019. Questions and topics were related to FE Exam material.</p> <p>The Met Section YMF and LIB YMC have used social media to attract young people to their events and motivate in them the interest in engineering.</p> <p>ASCE Long Island Branch Younger Member Committee (LIB YMC) participated in a resume review session at Nassau Community College. February 5, 2019</p> <p>ASCE LIB YMC attended ERYMC in Orlando, participating in workshops with student members from the eastern region.</p> <p>COPRI conducted two student workshops on Marine / Coastal Engineering. One with Columbia University Engineering Students on 10/4/19 and one with Cooper Union engineering students on 10/10/19.</p> <p>ASCE LIB Younger Member Committee were invited to participate as professionals at a Career Workshop hosted at Stony Brook University. The two (2) members reviewed over five (5) resumes each and provided feedback to the Students for improving their resumes.</p> |
| <p>Note current Section/Branch Practitioner Advisors (5 points):</p> | <p>Manhattan College (Lead) - Arthur Alzamora, Jr., Pe;</p> <p>The City College Of New York (City College) (Lead) - Rudolph Tejada;</p> <p>Columbia University (Lead) - Paul Roppa;</p> <p>Cooper Union (Lead) - Joe Viola;</p> <p>New York City College Of Technology (City Tech) - Asheque Rahman;</p> <p>Nyu Tandon (Lead) - Peter Mancuso, Pe</p> |
| <p>Describe outreach activities for Sections/Branches without ASCE Student Chapters (5 points each, 10 points max):</p> | <p>The ASCE LIB partners with Nassau Community college annually and hosts “Green Day”. Green day is a multi PDF seminar on topics about green energy and sustainability. The event is hosted at Nassau Community college to encourage student participation. After the seminar students can participate in resume review consultations.</p> <p>COPRI sponsored a social event with Circle Lines cruise around Manhattan. In attendance were ASCE-COPRI members, local professionals. Invited speakers from NYC EDC gave a presentation on EDC’s waterfront revitalization programs and a glimpse on future projects in the NYC area.</p> |

G. COMMUNITY SERVICE, PUBLIC SERVICE, HISTORY & HERITAGE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (10 Points Maximum)

NOTE: ASCE also awards a History and Heritage Award. If you have such activities and want to be considered for that award, describe those activities here and submit a copy of this application directly to Jennifer Lawrence at jlawrence@asce.org.

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| <p>Describe public service projects (2 points):</p> | <p>ASCE LIB YMC conducted their 3rd annual toy drive, collecting toys to donate to the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island. Toys were collected by various members and delivered on a designated day, prior to the holiday’s, benefiting families supported by Ronald McDonald House.</p> <p>On April 23rd, ASCE LIB supported The Ronald McDonald House again, this time through volunteering in the kitchen. Members worked in the house kitchen preparing a heartwarming dinner for children and families.</p> <p>On February 21, 2019 ASCE Met Section held a food drive, collecting donations of canned food to support the Island Harvest Food Drive.</p> |
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| <p>Describe History and Heritage Activities (2 points):</p> | <p>The Met Section History and Heritage Committee published the "Gravestones of ASCE Presidents in Green-Wood Cemetery" news article.</p> <p>The Met Section History and Heritage Committee Met with students from Flushing High School's drama class who were invited to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland and were writing a show about the life of Emily Roebling and wanted to learn about her and the Brooklyn Bridge. The students were very engaged and curious about this historic landmark in NYC.</p> <p>The History and Heritage Committee published a guidebook to NYC Civil Engineering projects. This guidebook is available for purchase at certain Met Section events.</p> |
| <p>Describe Government Relations activities (2 points):</p> | <p>The Met Section has an initiative called the Legislative Action Alert, an easy-to-use tool that creates a letter that will be sent to our elected representatives urging them to act on behalf of a specific issue.</p> <p>The Met Section Board and group Chairs attended Public Relations University and Government Relations University training organized by the Met Section Media Relations Committee with ASCE National.</p> <p>The Met Section sponsored two active members to participate in the ASCE Legislative Fly-in.</p> <p>The next NY state report card effort is being led by the ASCE NYS Council. The Met Section has representatives and is the major financial supporter of the NYS Council. Several Met Section members are starting to get involved as the next report card is planned for 2020. (the year of our 100th anniversary)</p> |
| <p>Describe Sustainability Seminars held by the Section/Branch promoting the advancement of the principles of sustainable development (2 points):</p> | <p>1/9/19- How Environmental Policy is Informing Aviation Redevelopment, Air Transport Group</p> <p>2/28/2019 - Sustainable Drinking Water Infrastructure Systems, Infrastructure Group</p> <p>10/29/19 - Planning & Building for Coastal Resilience, ASCE LIB</p> |
| <p>Describe Community Service events (1 point each, 2 points max):</p> | <p>On March 30th 2019, members served food at a local community food pantry. Volunteers filled bags, set up pantry items and distributed pantry items to those in need.</p> <p>ASCE LIB YMC supported the charity 'Book Fairies' on December 17th, 2018 through volunteering time to collect and sort books. Book Fairies is a not for profit organization who provide reading materials for people in need throughout metropolitan New York. The reading materials foster literacy and academic success, provide a respite from personal struggles, and nurture a love of reading across age groups.</p> |

H. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (15 Points Maximum)

ASCE supports and encourages the equitable opportunity for all people to participate within the civil engineering profession without regard to gender or gender identity, race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, disability, political affiliation, or family, marital, or economic status. ASCE's Committee on Diversity and Inclusion reviews this section to select Outstanding Section/Branches for their efforts in developing and implementing programs that promote an inclusive climate in the profession.

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| <p>Describe Section/Branch Diversity Seminars / Programs (1 point each, 5 points max):</p> | <p>12/13/18 - D&I Committee Presents Workshop on Improving with 'Improv'.</p> <p>Diversity & Inclusion Committee Organizes ASCE Met Section NYC Pride March</p> <p>10/17/18 D&I Committee Supports Event on Navigating Gender Bias, Inequity & Discrimination in STEM</p> <p>3/19/19 – Diversity and Inclusion Networking Event</p> <p>4/18/2019 - ASCE Met D&I Committee and SEAoNY Diversity Present: Navigating Today's Workplace for Employers and Employees - Session Two: The Hard Skill of Communication</p> |
| <p>Describe Section/Branch Diversity Committees and Diversity in Section/Branch Leadership Positions (5 points):</p> | <p>The ASCE Met Section has re-vitalized its Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Committee. The D&I committee has eight active members. Both co-chairs are from diverse gender/minority backgrounds.</p> <p>The committee coordinates, promotes and executes events and programs that advocate for inclusion and visibility of all people within the civil engineering profession without regard to gender or gender identity, race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, disability, political affiliation, or family marital, or economic status. They promote an inclusive culture within the field of civil engineering where all people are treated fairly, diversity is celebrated, and all members feel accepted and valued.</p> <p>The committee executes events of its own and collaborates and sponsors events with other organizations that promote diversity and inclusion such as CREW, NAWIC, SHPE, NSBE etc.</p> <p>The Met Section encourages the equitable opportunity for all people to participate within our board, committees and groups. The percentage of women, minorities and other diverse groups is much higher than the national average in engineering. Our board has 16 members, we have 5 women, and 4 people who belong to underrepresented minorities. In addition, around half of all chairs in our committees and groups are women or underrepresented minorities.</p> |
| <p>Describe participation in local community diversity programs (5 points):</p> | <p>D&I Committee started a multi-series panel called Navigating the Workplace for Employers and Employees. This program will have a series of discussions, panels and lectures throughout the year.</p> <p>D&I Committee visited student chapters to hold discussions with students about visibility of minorities and our role in breaking the gender gap in civil engineering.</p> <p>D&I Committee participated and helped advertise events hosted by other organizations that foster diversity and inclusion such as SEAoNY Diversity Seminars, Women in Deep Foundations (WiDF) DFI events and Queer Advocacy and Knowledge Exchange Group.</p> <p>D&I Committee organized a group to participate in the NYC Pride Parade, an event open to all. The event was a huge success.</p> |

I. ADDITIONAL SECTION / BRANCH ACTIVITIES (10 Points Maximum)

Describe any other non-standard activities that are not covered under other sections of the nomination form that your Section or Branch has undertaken to promote or advance the Civil Engineering profession to either your members or the public. Note that Sections applying for the award should not include their Branch activities and vice versa for Branches. These can include other Community Service projects, hosting of Regional meetings, fundraising, mentoring, and other best practices. Describe the activity and give dates, locations and number in attendance. Also describe any activities relative to the creation of a Section / Branch strategic plan and/or efforts to support the Society's Strategic Initiatives (ie. sustainability efforts). These activities may also be eligible for the Leader Training Committee Best Practices Manual. A maximum of two (2) points will be given for each of up to five (5) non-standard activities.

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| Annual Event Dinner & Awards | 6/26/2019 | The Met Section Annual Dinner Dance and Awards Presentation is hosted each year in June, and is the culmination of the Met Section's year. This year marked the 53rd year of the event, and was attended by approximately 300 people within the engineering profession. The 2019 Met Section Awards discussed above are presented during the Dinner, followed by the swearing-in of the new Met Section Officers. |
| Executive Forum | 7/18/2019 | ASCE LIB YMC LIB YMC Executive Happy Hour - Networking event with several executive-level engineers who will share knowledge and experience gained from their careers. |
| Professional Development | 5/2/2019 | PDH Evaluator Training |
| Professional Development | 4/30/2019 | Strategic Conversations: How to Lead, Influence, and Thrive |
| Hosting International Section | 10/9/2019 | Hong Kong Institution of Engineers Networking Night |
| Picnic | 8/15/2019 | ASCE-ASLA Summer Picnic |
| Technical Seminar | 6/6/2019 | Technical Lecture: A New Approach to HL-93 Live Loading Analysis |
| Fundraising event | 4/9/2019 | Scholarship Awards & Life Members Luncheon - The Met Section Awards Luncheon is a program to honor all our student scholarship recipients (listed in section B). All our members who became Life Members this year are also honored. The event is also a fundraising to scholarships. There is a networking cocktail time, following by a luncheon while awards are presented and a presentation on an important topic for NYC is given. Speaker: Jamie Torres-Springer of New York City's Department of Design and Construction. |
| Technical Tour | 2/6/2019 | TWA Hotel Site Tour |
| Innovations in Engineering Conference | 4/26/2019 | Innovations in Engineering Conference |



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President's E-Newsletter

May, 2019

President's Message



Timothy Ward, P.E., LEED AP
President, ASCE Met Section

The ASCE Metropolitan Section was established on February 18, 1920.

As we celebrate 100 years of engineering, learn about the history of ASCE Met Section by [clicking here...](#)

54th Annual Annual Dinner Dance Being Held in Magnificent, Convenient, New Location

The Met Section is celebrating our 54th Annual Dinner Dance and Awards Presentation in Manhattan. Don't miss this unparalleled gala event and the opportunity to mingle with CEs from all walks, relax and rev up for a spectacular and fun-filled evening at this extravagant venue.

Register now by [clicking here...](#)

(For Google Chrome and Explorer browsers only)

When: **Thursday, June 26, 2019**

Where: **Gotham Hall, 1356 Broadway, NY NY**

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Ensure that your company is a Sponsor and participant at this event.

ASCE Branches Annual Awards Dinner

ASCE LIB Annual Awards Dinner - May 16, 2019

Westbury Manor, Westbury, NY

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LHVB Awards Dinner – June 16, 2019

Nyack Seaport, Nyack, NY

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It's Election Time

- You can vote now in the ASCE National Election beginning May 1 through June 3, 2019.

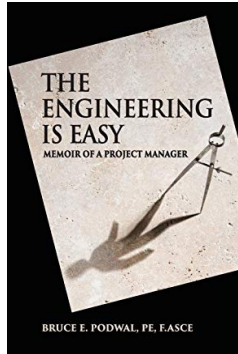
- Don't forget to vote in ASCE Met Section Election. Be on the lookout for a voting details email.

VOTE NOW

Reader's Forum
The Engineering is Easy

Memoir of a Project Manager

--by Bruce E. Podwal



Even when engineering is easy for you, your technical competence does not guarantee you have the skills to be a successful project manager. This self-help guide, offered in a memoir format, provides a unique opportunity to observe good and bad decisions the author, Bruce Podwal (past Section President), made as he progressed from engineering student to effective, world class Project Manager. Real-world case studies are used to present good practices and lessons learned covering numerous project situation, and approaches to overcome pitfalls are discussed in this guide for those considering project management as a career and

those already managing projects. The memoir also is useful to anyone supervising project managers. The book is available now in bookstores and online.

Don't forget to email us with your ideas and stories at: newsletter@ascemetsection.org

Upcoming Events, Lectures & Seminars (With Plenty of PDHs Available)

Conferences and Seminar Events with Sponsorship & Vendor Opportunities

- 43rd Annual Met Section Geotechnical Seminar - Geotechnical Engineering: Reaching New Heights and Depths (5/09/19)
- SEI Metropolitan Section Chapter – Spring Seminar (5/14, 5/15, 5/21, 5/22/19)

Networking, Volunteering Events and Happy Hours

- YMF - Moynihan Train Hall Tour (5/10/19)
- ASCE LIB - 5K Fun Race (5/18/19)
- ASCE LIB - NYSDOT Region 10 Hauppauge Tour and Open House (6/07/19)

Lectures (offering PDHs)

- Air Transport Group - New UPS Gateway Facility @ EWR (5/08/19)
- COPRI Chapter - Addressing Pile Driving and Dredging Impacts for a Major Bridge Construction Project on the Hudson River (5/08/19)
- LHVB - LaGuardia Airport Redevelopment: Site Geotechnical Conditions and Use of Ground Improvement Methods (5/08/19)
- Air Transport Group - United Airlines Update (6/05/19)

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Congratulations!

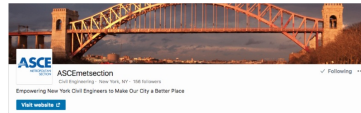
Wishing Horia Necula a Very Happy Retirement!

Horia Necula PE, recipient of the 2017-2018 ASCE Met Section Government Civil Engineer of the Year, celebrated his retirement on both April 18th and March



20th parties. Horia served LIRR commuters for almost 22 years as a retired Managing Engineer - Civil Design with the Structures Division, Engineering Dept. of LIRR. Horia's colleagues, friends, and family gathered to celebrate his work and his accomplishments and wish him well while delivering his Final Run Train Order # 29329: "Run Retirement Extra/Happiness to Contentment and Return under Block with No Restrictions." Horia will continue to be active with ASCE Met Section as Chair of the Continuing Education Committee.

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ASCE Met Section Recipient of Prestigious Award

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